

PUBLIC NOTICE

Air Quality Construction Permit For Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC

Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC has submitted an application for a new or modified air quality construction permit to the Air Quality Program (Program) of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department. The application was received by the Program on December 8, 2016. The company contact of the facility is Oscar Aponte, located at 126 W Gemini, Tempe, AZ 85283. The facility, ABQ Kirtland cell tower, is located at 8226 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105. This application file has been assigned **Permit Application No. 1560-M1**.

The application is requesting a modification to Air Quality Registration No. 1560 to upgrade the existing 67 horsepower diesel fired emergency engine with a new 93 horsepower, EPA emission certified, diesel fired internal combustion engine coupled to a 60 kilowatt emergency electrical generator to provide back up electric power to the ABQ Kirtland cell tower during electric utility outages. The application seeks to restrict the new unit to 500 hours per year of operation. The purpose of the unit is to provide emergency backup electrical power in the case of the unavoidable loss of commercial power.

The proposed air pollution maximum allowable emissions from this facility have been estimated to be:

POLLUTANT	Pounds Per Hour (lbs/hr)	Tons Per Year (tpy)
Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x)	0.623	0.155
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0.205	0.051
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons (NMHC)	0.032	0.008
Sulfur Dioxide (SO _x)	0.019	0.004
Total Suspended Particulate (TSP)	0.047	0.011
Particulate Matter Less Than 10 Micrometers (PM-10)	0.047	0.011
Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers (PM-2.5)	0.047	0.011

A copy of the permit application as well as the Program's analysis, if completed, is available for inspection by the public at the Program offices. If a person wishes to receive notification of the availability of the Program's analysis for their review and comment, they must express that interest in writing to the Program before the end of the public comment period on February 5, 2017. Interested persons may submit written comments and evidence, request a public information hearing, or both on the permit application to the Program. Comments will be accepted and considered if postmarked by the end of the public comment period. Formal action on the application will be reserved pending receipt and analysis of any additional details or information developed during the public comment period.

The Program shall hold a Public Information Hearing pursuant to 20.11.41.15 NMAC if the Director determines there is significant public interest and a significant air quality issue is involved.

The Program expects to issue, issue subject to conditions, or deny this application before April 3, 2017. The Program will not issue or issue subject to conditions any air quality permit without an air quality ambient impact dispersion modeling study, if deemed necessary by the Program, that shows that the facility would not cause or contribute to a potential violation of air quality standards. Any person who does not participate in the permitting action will not receive notification of the Program's decision regarding the proposed permit, unless the person has delivered a written request for notice to the Program.

The Program's offices are located at 1 Civic Plaza NW, Room 3047, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The Program's mailing address is Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Program – Permitting Division, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

For more information contact Isreal Tavarez, Environmental Health Manager at (505) 768-1965 or itavarez@cabq.gov

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